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August 9, 1955.

Dr. A. S. Flemming, Director,
Office of Defense Mobilization,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Flemming:

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 5, addressed to Mr. Craig confirming your statement in the discussion with Mr. Dumas and me on July 29 that you believe it essential to have available a submarine cable capable of providing telephone, telegraph and facsimile type service between Hawaii and the Mainland.

As we told you at that time, in view of the urgent national need, we are willing to advance our plans to provide such a cable. We have discussed with Mr. J. B. Atherton, President of the Hawaiian Telephone Company, the possibility of his company participating in the ownership of the cable. We expect shortly to have his decision. He has assured us that, whether or not his company participates in the ownership, he is agreeable to making arrangements to connect the cable with his company's facilities in the Hawaiian Islands.

As you have been advised, in order to provide the cable within the time contemplated, it will be necessary to use the skilled technical force which has been assembled and trained to fabricate the repeaters for the Transatlantic and Alaskan cables. It is, therefore, imperative that the manufacture of the repeaters be commenced promptly, before this group of technicians has been disbanded. We would therefore appreciate it if you will advise us just as soon as you can of the estimated Government requirements in the cable.

In view of these circumstances, we are initiating action at once by filing with the Federal Communications Commission applications (a) for the necessary Presidential landing license, and (b) for authority to construct and operate the cable. Copies of these applications are attached for your information.

Knowing your great interest in this project, we will, of course, keep your office informed from time to time as to our progress.

Sincerely,

(Signed) H. T. Killingsworth

Attachments

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